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Notary Public Arrested for Forgery in Real Estate Fraud Scheme

San Bernardino, CA - Investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit arrested Maria Torres 36, of Colton, on Monday, January 23, 2006. Torres was arrested at her residence in the City of Colton for several counts of forgery, filing a forged document with the County Recorder's Office, and elder abuse – all felonies.

In January 2005, Torres, along with Reynalda Perez, allegedly forged the victim's name on a Quitclaim Deed. On January 18, 2006, Investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit arrested Perez outside her San Bernardino workplace.

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